

Meetinghouse Messenger, January 4, 2018



## **The First Religious Society in Carlisle**

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**Upcoming Services at 10am in the Sanctuary**

January theme: SOLIDIFYING

7th, Crystal Clarity: On being called  
14th What must cohere for there to be justice? MLK Day  
21st Strengthening Our Commitment  
28th Ice Dreams, Intergenerational Service

### **A Message from the Minister**

When we extinguish our chalice at FRS we say: "Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again." We are encouraged to carry the warmth of church into our lives and into the world, to be the keepers of that precious flame. At the Peterborough church, where I was a member for a decade, we said: "We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again." These images of flame and warmth are the images of spirit and community, and those seem especially important when the world is cold. Warm means life-and sometimes that is so very clear.



With gratitude for the flame you carry and the warmth you exude,  
Rev. Lisa

### **A Message from the RE Director**

We are starting a new year together and it seems the big weather from last year is following us into this year. I am a fan of weather. Nothing brings people together more than needing each other when the world is beyond our control. The weather cannot be argued with or changed by our words - it just happens. Our words, however, can change the way we experience weather. Our stories, our poetry, our prayers - the languages of the heart are never more potent than in the darkness of the storm.



During this winter term our children will be gathering around campfires, hearing ancient stories, learning how to knit and making things with their hands that will make a difference.

Will you join us? We do need many adults to keep a prog  
What's Happening in RE?

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**Helping in RE:**

**Please signup here and support our Teen Leaders -**

Littles and Middles: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444aad292-winter1>

JYG: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444aad292-jygwinter>

NYG: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444aad292-nygwinter>

To View Calendars for our programming:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/0B712-WXZnnLaelhpTkdxN1pHNms>

**After-School Unplugged Group** - Begins again on 1/11 at 3:15-4pm

Come hang out, have a snack and do some form of meditative play with others. All ages welcome, including parents. This group is guided by the kids - their needs and questions. No set agenda.

### **Save these Dates:**

January 28th - Intergenerational Service

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Sunday Morning Programs begin after the Children's Story

**This Sunday, 1/7/18**

Littles (1yr-4yrs) with Bella Eckler and Cynthia LaFlamme

K/1s - with Brianna Neptune and Carly Neale Paris and parenting team: Ann Davidson and Margot Morse

Middles - with Holly West, Rachel Bryan and Judy Bose - The Epiphany and Singing

JYG - with Jasmine Neale Paris and Katie Baum - Knitting for Love - Susan Bacher

NYG - (7th-12th Grades) - 6-7pm Teen Cook, 7-9pm - Breakfast Night, Campfire Stories and Knitting, Outdoor Ice Games and Dark Silence - Pam and Mark Howell, Linda Myers-Tierney

**Next Sunday, 1/14/18 - MLK Sunday - Blue Wagon Collection - Leftover Wool**

**Yarn**

Littles (1yr-4yrs) with Bella Eckler and ????

K/1s - with Brianna Neptune and Carly Neale Paris and parenting team: Ann Davidson and Margot Morse

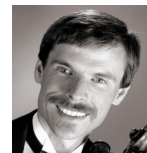
Middles - with Holly West, Rachel Bryan and Lauree Eckler - Hopeful Bowls for Syrian Refugees

JYG - with Jasmine Neale Paris and Katie Baum - Knitting for Love -

NYG - (7th-12th Grades) - Off for MLK Weekend

**A Message from the Music Director**

See you Sunday!



**Announcements and Upcoming Events**

**WomenSpirit Annual Retreat Weekend - January 12-14 - Senexet House, Woodstock, CT**

Our theme this year is "Equanimity and Self Compassion". Activities include discussions, creative arts, walks, yoga and meditation and time to reflect and consider the new year ahead. It's a warm and relaxing weekend and a great way to connect with women in our community. If you'd like more information, contact Sue Kirk at [sukirk@aol.com](mailto:sukirk@aol.com). More details are available at <http://bit.ly/2B8lpOO>; Sign up by Tuesday, January 9th.

**Community Dinner and Fundraiser for Refugee Family  
Saturday, January 27, 2018**

The FRS Social Action Committee invites you to join us for a family dinner on Saturday, January 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Union Hall. A Syrian-themed dinner at 5:30 will be followed at 6:30 by an interactive discussion on what it means to make the journey from Syria to the US, and then what is needed to settle and rebuild your life in the United States. Dinner will feature four homemade soups, fresh bread, and dessert.

The presentation will feature Carlisle resident Sean Kavanagh, who, with his wife, Donna Vaillancourt, housed the Alloh family (7 Syrian refugees) earlier this year until they were able to find them suitable housing in Carlisle. Marianne Boswell, of LexRap, a Lexington MA nonprofit serving local refugee needs, will also be speaking. Through the story of the Alloh Family, you will hear firsthand what it takes to leave your native land and resettle in the United States. Event is free and open to the public. Babysitting will be available

## Community Events

### Community Chorus in concert January 9

Over half a dozen FRS members will be singing in the Carlisle Community Chorus winter concert, "An Evening of Illumination," on Tuesday, January 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Carlisle School Corey Auditorium. Come to enjoy powerful and whimsical pieces, celebrating the sources of light in our lives.

The Carlisle Community Chorus is a multi-town and intergenerational chorus. This winter concert is free, open to the public and is followed by a community reception in the Carlisle School Dining Room. This program is supported in part by the Carlisle Cultural Council and the chorus greatly appreciates the support of the Friends of the Council on Aging. Concertgoers are invited to support surrounding communities by bringing a food donation for the Merrimack Valley Food Pantry. Come out and join your neighbors for a great night of music.

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